

Montlake PAT #2
10/25/04

Attending

Dan Johnson, Michael Yasuatake (Seattle Parks Dept.); Greg Waddell, Steve Nordlund (Carlson Architects); Pete Pawlak (Seattle Structural); Febe Cude, Ted Choi, Ken Schubert, Robin Bentley (PAT)

General

Dan Johnson of Seattle Parks began meeting by explaining the PAT process and how it coordinates with the public meetings and the progress of the design in general.

Greg Waddell of Carlson Architects presented two layout schemes: "East" & "West"

Functional comments

Request was made for future presentations to use color to differentiate between "must haves" (per Parks) and optional program additions. Also to show where existing "overflow" activities currently using the gym would go in a new scheme.

Basketball was seen as a high use activity. Request was made to consider making multipurpose room suitable for small kids basketball. Dan Johnson stated that Parks standards do not permit that capability, and the resultant impact on interior finishes, as a feature of current multipurpose rooms. Surveys mentioned the possibility of adding outdoor basketball as a possible solution to high demand.

Heavy and frequent use of indoor space by teens, (e.g. a dedicated "Teen Room,") was seen as doubtful. Outdoor teen activity was viewed as more common.

Rest rooms easily accessed from outdoors were seen as desirable, especially adjacent to athletic and kids play areas. Even exterior rest rooms (free standing?) were mentioned as an idea.

The relative merits of a car pull out zone either on Calhoun St. or within the parking lot (east edge) were discussed. Noise and general resulting commotion might be an issue with the neighbors if this is located on Calhoun. Topography is also an accessibility problem from Calhoun.

Activity rooms directly next to the Gym need to be acoustically separated. A corridor was mentioned as a solution used at other centers.

The typical Multi-Purpose room will hold approx. 120-130 people. Some large gatherings can have 200-300. These often use the Gym and would need a staging area or anteroom.

Acoustic damping is necessary in any large assembly spaces.

Priorities for the Tudor building: Where would the existing activities be located if they move from this building?

There was a consensus on preserving and enhancing the Tudor as a free standing "icon" building.

There was a majority opinion that the portable building would be removed, sold, etc.

A parallel plan may be in development for improvements to the athletic fields that may involve Seattle Prep. This will be a separate process and have no effect on this project other than large scale, "big picture" planning coordination. This should be emphasized in any public communication.

Procedural comments

The next PAT meeting will be swapped with the next public meeting.

Schemes as presented here tonight will be scanned by Carlson and sent via e-mail and David Goldberg to all participants.

Data on existing programs: Activity attendance figures were requested of Mike Yasuatake, so actual activities and usage at Montlake could be evaluated.

For the next PAT: Further refinement of objectives and schemes; A matrix showing levy required program spaces ("must haves") and optional "hope to haves," with square footage areas comparing new and existing spaces.